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Deputy Chief Michael D. Shaw Lieutenant Tobby M. Wheeler

To: All Media Outlets

From: Deputy Chief Michael Shaw

**RE: Indecent Assault and Battery** 

Date: April 17, 2018

On April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1427 hours, Webster Police responded to report of a sexual assault involving the clerk from Gilbert's Market at 95 North Main Street in Webster. Police investigated and found that the customer, an adult female, had gone into the store and purchased scratch off lottery tickets. She went to her car and scratched them off, revealing a cash prize. She returned to the store to purchase more tickets with the winnings, and at that point told the clerk, Ahmad Ali, 20 from 70 Houghton Street Worcester, that it was her birthday. She left the store to scratch off the tickets in her parked car when Ali motioned for her to come back into the store.

She did and at that time he gave her more tickets and wished her a happy birthday. At that point he gave her a hug and the victim thought it was innocent enough and returned the hug. When she tried to leave, Ali pulled her back and rubbed up against her. The victim was then able to pull away and left the store calling the police.

The surveillance video in the store corroborates the victim's story, and Ali was subsequently arrested for Indecent Assault and Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct, and Assault and Battery.

Ali was previously charged in November of 2016 for Indecent Assault and Battery for which he was found not guilty, and Assault and Battery for which he was currently on Probation.

Ali was arraigned to today in Dudley District Court.

